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A reader writes

Radio Free Europe

To The Christian Science Monitor:

We have heard with dismay of the unwarranted criticism of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, and even of attempts to close down the two stations.

We left Poland in 1968, and came to England. We are two of the more fortunate of those who opposed the present Polish regime.

Nina Karsov was put on trial and imprisoned for so-called antistate activities, and a full account of these events is given in our book "In the name of tomorrow," to be published shortly in America.

Radio Free Europe played a vital part in securing her release because of its unique opportunity to publicize the trial in Poland. (And this was only one case among many such.) This publicity prevented the regime from keeping the public in ignorance of its activities in suppressing freedom of thought and speech in such cases. . . .

To close these two stations and to replace them with any government-sponsored broadcasts would be an irreparable loss for all of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

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